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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S EXPORTS AND IMPORTS -- MAY -- PROVISIONAL

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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE CUSTOMARY DETAILS ON MAY TRADE
PROMISED IN PARA 6 REFTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. PRELIMINARY CUSTOMS DATA FIGURES ARE PRESENTED AS
USUAL IN DOLLARS. HOWEVER, RATE OF EXCHANGE USED FOR
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MAY 74 WAS YEN278.05 PER DOLLAR FOR EXPORTS AND YEN278.11

FOR IMPORTS. PRELIMINARY CUSTOMS DATA SHOW GLOBAL EXPORTS \$4,619 MIL (YEN1,284,175 MIL) UP 63.5 PERCENT AND IMPORTS \$5,929 MIL (YEN1,649,025 MIL) UP 83.3 PERCENT FROM YEAR AGO. TOTAL EXPORTS TO U.S. IN MIL DOLLARS 1,059.9, UP 33.0 PERCENT FROM MAY 73. IMPORTS FROM U.S. 1,182.4, UP 46.2 PERCENT.

2. BY SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION, GLOBAL IMPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL GOODS UP 47.3 PERCENT FROM MAY 73, CONSUMER NONDURABLES UP 98.1 PERCENT, DURABLES UP 13.2 PERCENT, INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES UP 98.8 PERCENT, AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT UP 62.7 PERCENT. IMPORTS OF IRON ORE AND STEEL SCRAP UP 11.3 PERCENT AND UP 33.7 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY; IMPORTS OF COAL AND CRUDE OIL UP 35.4 PERCENT AND UP 267.0 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY; IMPORTS OF SOYBEANS UP 12.3 PERCENT; IMPORTS OF LUMBER UP 19.3 PERCENT. GLOBAL EXPORTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES UP 43.0 PERCENT (PASSENGER CARS UP 29.7 PERCENT) AND MOTORCYCLES UP 51.8 PERCENT.

3. CUSTOMS EXPORTS TO U.S.: TV'S UP 6.9 PERCENT FROM MAY 73, RADIOS DOWN 11.3 PERCENT, TAPE RECORDERS DOWN 18.9 PERCENT, OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS (INCLUDING CAMERAS) UP 34.9 PERCENT. IRON AND STEEL UP 46.9 PERCENT. SYNTHETIC TEXTILES DOWN 19.4 PERCENT, CLOTHING DOWN 28.0 PERCENT, CHEMICALS UP 85.4 PERCENT, COTTON FABRICS DOWN 31.5 PERCENT, FOODSTUFFS UP 23.5 PERCENT, FISH AND SHELLFISH UP 21.8 PERCENT. EXPORTS OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT DOWN 14.5 PERCENT AND THOSE OF METAL PRODUCTS UP 57.3 PERCENT. MOTOR VEHICLES WERE UP 58.0 PERCENT, AND MOTORCYCLES UP 67.8 PERCENT.

4. CUSTOMS IMPORTS FROM U.S.: TOTAL FOODS UP 57.8 PERCENT FROM MAY 73, BEEF DOWN 73.0 PERCENT, FISH AND SHELLFISH UP 22.4 PERCENT, SOYBEANS UP 16.7 PERCENT, FEED CORN UP 101.9 PERCENT, SORGHUM UP 108.9 PERCENT, WHEAT UP 70.2 PERCENT, RAW COTTON UP 134.6 PERCENT. LUMBER WAS DOWN 10.0 PERCENT. OFFICE EQUIPMENT UP 28.4 PERCENT, AIRCRAFT UP 620.5 PERCENT, METAL MATERIALS WERE UP 163 PERCENT, WHILE CHEMICALS WERE UP 87.8 PERCENT AND NONFERROUS METALS UP 67.6 PERCENT.

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5. CRUDE OIL IMPORTS INMAY WERE 23.6 MIL KILOLITERS AMOUNTING TO \$1,690 MIL. THIS COMPARES WITH 24.3 MIL KILOLITERS AND \$1,675 MIL IN APRIL, AND 24.2 MIL KILOLITERS AND \$460 MIL IN MAY 73. SHOESMITH

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